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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2001, please amend the  
above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims  
previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is  
attached.

1. (Twice Amended) A sound absorbing structure comprising at least one porous  
member including a plurality of holes, wherein said holes are at least one kind of through  
holes, that penetrate through the porous member, and/or non-through holes, that extend

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